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## **Andrew D. Cox**



### **Director, Communications Systems Directorate, NRO Deputy, Program Executive Office for Space Systems Executive Director, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Space Field Activity**

Andrew Cox was appointed Director, Communications Systems Directorate (COMM) at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in December 2008. As COMM Director, Mr. Cox is responsible for the successful execution of all communications satellite systems acquisitions within the NRO, as well as the acquisition of all global terrestrial networks. His responsibilities span the design, acquisition, launch, deployment and operations support for current and future COMM systems. For the one year prior to accepting this position, Mr. Cox was Deputy Director, COMM.

In 2006, Mr. Cox was assigned as Deputy Program Executive Officer, Space Systems, providing acquisition oversight for Navy satellite programs, including the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) UHF Follow-on (UFO), and LEASAT. He was assigned concurrently as Executive Director of the SPAWAR Space Field Activity, responsible for Navy personnel assigned to the NRO.

In 2002, Mr. Cox was selected as the Technical Director, Program Executive Office, C41 and Space (PEO C41 and Space), providing technical oversight over all programs within the PEO. Mr. Cox was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service in 2004 and served as Deputy PEO C41 and Space, leading the program evaluation and integration efforts for all of the Navy's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence programs.

In 1998, Mr. Cox was selected as the Chief Engineer for the GCCS-M program, taking it through the largest operational test in Naval C41 history. Serving afterwards in SPAWAR's C2ISR systems division, Mr. Cox reported to the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Communications Directorate as the Chief Engineer for Naval Fires Network.

Mr. Cox entered government service in 1997 at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) as the lead Software Engineer for the Navy Command and Control System (NCCS) Program. He was one of the original engineers that developed and deployed the Navy's largest operational network afloat, known as Information Technology 21 (IT-21).

Mr. Cox began his career as a software programmer and integrator in the Defense industry. Mr. Cox worked on several different intelligence and command and control systems for the Navy and DoD, developing applications on multiple platforms and designing enterprise management and inventory software.

Mr. Cox has received several awards for his service, to include the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award. Mr. Cox graduated from Colgate University.